

Response to Restriction Requirement
U.S. Patent Application No. 10/659,542
Docket No. 7227-273

REMARKS

Applicant has cancelled Claims 20 and 21 without prejudice. Claims 1-19 are now pending in this application.

In an Office Action dated May 18, 2005, restriction to one of the following inventions was requested under 35 U.S.C. 121:

Group I: Claims 1-19 drawn to a coupling assembly.

Group II: Claims 20-21 drawn to a subassembly method.

Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, Group I (Claims 1-19, drawn to a coupling assembly).

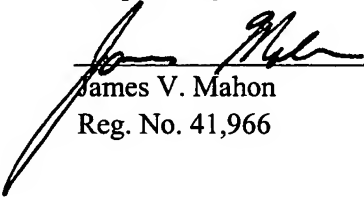
Applicant expressly reserves the right to the non-elected subject matter including the right to file one or more continuation and/or divisional applications to that subject matter, as now embraced in non-elected Claims 20-21.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-19 are now pending and believed to be in proper form for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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